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NPIC AND CIA/IAS CONCUR WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT GVARDEYSK MRBM LAUNCH SITE 1 GIVEN IN REFERENCED CABLE.

THE FUNCTION OF THESE NEW HARDSTANDS IS UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, THEIR APPEARANCE COUPLED WITH NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE SITE SUPPORT FACILITY AND AN ABSENCE OF SS-4 EQUIPMENT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TYPE SITE ALL SUGGEST THAT A CHANGE IN FUNCTION MAY BE TAKING PLACE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SIMILAR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT KAPUSTIN YAR/VLADIMIROVKA MISSILE TEST CENTER. THIS AND SIMILAR SITES WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY FOR ADDITIONAL INDICATORS OF MODIFICATION.

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